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People Centric Museums
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make the museums in the country people centric;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian museums fail to attract a large number of visitors despite a unique collection of artefacts; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make these museums popular?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam

The Government has initiated 14 point agenda on museum reforms in 2009. Under this agenda, museums have taken various steps including provision of facilities like ramps for physically challenged, tactile gallery for visually impaired, audio-guides/interactive devices for accessing information, wi-fi connection in museum premises, shops, cafeterias, children spaces and other visitor amenities. Besides, the museums also organize temporary exhibitions, monthly lectures, guest lectures and gallery talks. Outreach programmes include summer art camp, children week, museum week etc.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. Indian museums attract a large number of visitors. The improvement of facilities for the visitors to increase the popularity of museums is an ongoing activity.